



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Indiana Educators

**FROM:** Susan Kertes, Assistant Director, Office of School Leadership Development

**DATE:** April 1, 2009

**SUBJECT:** *IPLA Today* video professional development series

The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to inform you that its Indiana Principal Leadership Academy online streaming video professional development series, *IPLA Today*, has released a new segment, *The Essential Arts*.

For viewing, please visit [www.doe.in.gov/ipla](http://www.doe.in.gov/ipla) and click on the *IPLA Today* link.

### Segment Information

Segment Title: *The Essential Arts*

Segment Guest: Sarah Fronczek  
Fine Arts Specialist, Indiana Department of Education

### Program Description:

Fine Arts Specialist Sarah Fronczek will discuss characteristics of quality instruction in the arts, the arts as an essential part of a balanced curriculum, the importance of ongoing arts instruction at all levels, and the cross-curricular benefits of arts study. She will describe attributes of arts teachers who demonstrate best practice in the arts, attributes of students who experience quality arts instruction, and the physical environment necessary for quality arts instruction to take place.

### Segment Outcomes

#### Viewers will:

- Have a better understanding of the content and processes reaching beyond performance and production that should be found in quality instruction in the arts.
- Have an increased awareness of what constitutes quality instruction in the arts and encourage administrative support of arts teachers and their classes.

## IPLA Standards Covered

### Teaching and Learning Standard 1

- *The school leader: Instigates and ensures best practice related to research-based instruction, curriculum alignment and assessments.*

### Culture Standard 3

- *The school leader: Promotes a culture that honors and values diversity and supports the learning of all students.*

### Communication Standard 2

- *The school leader: Utilizes the diversity of the school community at large and its resources to meet the needs of all learners.*